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The attached study has been submitted by General Bolling requesting that as a matter of urgency a National Intelligence Estimate be prepared on this subject. He requests prompt consideration because the month of May is the most propitious time for the launching of a Satellite attack.

Secretary  
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

1. To determine the likelihood of a Satellite attack on Yugoslavia in the spring of 1951.

II. DISCUSSION

2. See Tab "A"

III. CONCLUSIONS

3. The European Satellites now have the capability of initiating offensive operations against Yugoslavia at any time, with little or no warning.
4. Evidence of stepped-up propaganda, increased border incidents, and further deterioration of relations with neighboring Satellites, together with recent significant augmentation of Satellite military capabilities, warrants serious consideration of the possibility of a Satellite attack against Yugoslavia this spring.
5. There is no firm evidence that a Satellite attack against Yugoslavia is imminent. It is believed that such an attack is not probable this spring, but nevertheless remains a distinct possibility.

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